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in Cells

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: David A. Lambertson

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

(X) Previously submitted:

- (X) Consider the amendments/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on August 20, 2003.
- () Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- () Other _____.

(X) Enclosed:

- (X) Amendment/Reply
- () Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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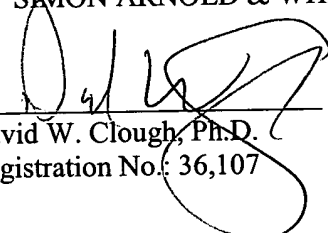
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Applicants also request consideration of the Amendment and Response filed on August 20, 2003, and entry of the amendments, which were filed with the response, but were not entered by the Examiner on grounds that the amendments allegedly raise new issues.

In the Response, applicants cancelled claims 45 through 50, amended claims 55 and 56 to spell out acronyms 5'RACE and SAVI and amended claim 66 to correct an obvious typographical error.

Applicants also amended claims 54 and 57 by eliminating limitation of sorting into

several monoclonal or polyclonal subgroups and by reciting a limitation to sorting into subpopulations instead. In the Advisory Notice, the Examiner alleges that sorting into subpopulations of cells is a limitation that would require a new search. Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention, that the Examiner has already searched for limitation to sorting cells into monoclonal or polyclonal subgroups based on their different levels of expression of a marker peptide. A person skilled in the relevant art will recognize that the term "subgroups" is equal to the term "subpopulations." Therefore, the applicants submit that the additional search is not necessary.

The Examiner alleges that claims 58-74 would require a new search because the claims were not searched on the merits and because these claims now depend on claim 57 with limitation to sorting into subpopulations. The applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that the claims are dependent claims that further limit two methods disclosed in independent claims 53 and 57. Therefore, claims 58-74 should be considered in context of independent claims 53 and 57 and a new search for claims 58-74 independent from the context of claims 53 and 57 is not needed.

Applicants also submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and ask the Examiner to consider the enclosed references.

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